

Canadian Agriculture in 1950 Reviewed at Annual Conference

At the Dominion - Provincial Agricultural Conference held in Ottawa, December 12-14, papers were presented reviewing the probable prospects for agriculture in 1950. The following is a digest of the papers.

WORLD AND DOMESTIC — The total volume of world industrial and mineral production is now running at some 40 per cent above pre-war levels; expansion is still going on but at a slower rate than in 1948. Agricultural production has continued to recover, and this recovery combined with the dollar shortage points to possible difficulties in the disposal of some farm products, particularly by the hard currency countries.

Both the volume and value of world trade continued to expand in 1949 but the flow of trade remains badly out of balance. This lack of balance in international trade continues to be the central feature of the world economic picture.

The general price level of internationally traded commodities has declined somewhat over the past year. Since the United States accounts for nearly half of the world production and use of industrial goods, any appraisal of future international price trends must be based chiefly on prospective developments in the United States. The outlook there appears to be for lower commodity prices in 1950 as compared with the average for 1949.

In 1950 some further decline in total Canadian exports appears certain and the decrease in agricultural exports may be proportionately greater than for other commodities. The domestic market requirements should remain high, but in terms of general activity, may not show the expansion necessary to offset the effects of declining sales abroad.

The domestic demand for farm products will continue on a high level through 1950 but the existence of a high level of supplies, due to a reduction in export outlets, may mean a decline in prices received for farm products. Since prices paid by farmers move downward more slowly, net farm income will be somewhat less in 1950.

LEVELAND NEWS

LEVELAD.—Mr. Woods of the British and Foreign Bible Society was the guest speaker at the S.D.A. Church on Jan. 7.

This society has published between 700 and 800 of the translations already sent forth in over 1,000 tongues and has issued some 550,000,000 volumes on six continents.

An offering of \$127 was taken to assist in carrying on its work throughout the world and especially in the liberated lands of Europe and the Far East.

Local Farmer Injured

BEISEKER.—Due to a fall caused when a frightened cow jumped on him, Mr. Frank Selzler fractured his ankle in two places on Thursday, Jan. 5.

The accident occurred on his farm four miles south of town. Mr. Selzler was taken to the General hospital in Calgary.

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WHEAT — Total supplies of wheat for export and carryover in 1949-50 are 319 million bushels of which 236 million should be available for export. Lower moisture reserves in western Canada, satisfactory current prices for coarse grains together with the increased competition among exporting countries in finding outlets for surplus wheat may discourage any increase in wheat acreage in 1950.

FEED GRAINS — The net supply of feed grain per grain consuming animal unit available during the 1949-50 crop year is estimated at .58 ton, almost 15 per cent below the 1948-49 supplies. With reserve stocks expected to be at minimum levels by the end of the 1949-50 crop year, and with some increase in livestock populations expected, it is anticipated that the acreage seeded to coarse grains in 1950 will be at least maintained.

LIVESTOCK — Marketings of livestock during the 12-month period ending September 30, 1950, are expected to remain at about the 1948-49 level with the exception of hogs, for which an increase is anticipated. Moderate reductions in prices may be expected with prices for hogs falling more than for other meat animals, thus resuming a more nearly normal relationship with United States hog prices.

DAIRY PRODUCTS — Total milk production in 1950 may exceed slightly that of 1949. The demand for fluid milk and cream is expected to remain strong in 1950 with total consumption increasing slightly. The securing of an adequate contract for exporting cheese to the United Kingdom in 1950 should provide an outlet for milk which may be diverted from concentrated milk products and butter which will tend to stabilize the market for all dairy products.

EGGS AND POULTRY — The United Kingdom egg contract will be completed in December, 1949, and as yet no decision with regard to future action has been taken. Requests for price support action by the Prices Support Board have been made and are under consideration.

Lower prices for dressed chicken in 1949 and a continuation of current levels of feed prices into the middle of 1950 may result in somewhat lower cockerel chick purchases in 1950.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES — Fruit crops at or above 1949 levels are anticipated for 1950. Apples will likely be among those for which there will be increased production. The production of vegetables is expected to be close to that of 1949. The market outlet for those horticultural products which are produced predominantly for the domestic market is relatively good. For such crops as apples and raspberries for jam manufacture, substantial proportions of which have been sold to the United Kingdom, the market is much less satisfactory. Since the export market for table and seed potatoes is principally the United States and other western hemisphere countries, the export outlet for potatoes is fairly satisfactory. However, there has been

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LEARN A, B, C'S WHILE FATHERS LEARN ELECTRONICS



Children of service personnel at the RCAF's big radar and communication centre at Clinton, Ont., learn their A-B-C's only a few yards away from classrooms where their elders struggle with advanced electronic studies. Shown here is the school estab-

lished on the station for families of officers and airmen, and operated by the RCAF. Teacher is Mrs. J. M. Chambers, who formerly taught school at Hope, B.C.

Halfway Mark In Lions Fiscal Year

By WM. TIDY

BEISEKER.—The New Year marks the midpoint of the terms of our Lions Club president and officers. Here they may pause, review the first half of their term, and make plans for the coming months, with a clear view of new frontiers the new year has opened before them.

Most of our individual members and committees have established records of performance in service which may appear hard to beat. Yet here is our club, at the highest and strongest point in its history, providing the means for still greater accomplishments. The workers who have gone before have built a splendid platform, which will be but the starting point for us to build upwards.

With the members who have been added to the club during the past year, more hands are available for more and better accomplishments, and by continuing to add to the club from outstanding young men of the community, perpetuation of a strong, thriving club will be assured. Another worthy frontier lies only as far away as the next community, and the sponsoring of a new Lions Club there will constitute one of the finest contributions we can make to our nation's welfare.

Half of the fiscal year or term has already passed and at this new year and midpoint of the term, we are able to see which of these activities show the need for greater concentration in order that the best all round job may be done.

New frontiers, new worlds to conquer lie before us, and to community pioneers the opportunities of the day present a challenge which Lions everywhere accept. Our opportunity of still progressing is limited only by our vision, so as the new year brings us to this frontier, we need but to look forward and we shall see the new frontiers ahead.

And Now He's Sure Of It

Fair's nudes criticized by minister. Rev. Dr. — makes third trip to view "revolting exhibit."

Miss Veronica Hagel Is Honored

BEISEKER.—On Sunday evening about 60 ladies gathered in the Beiseker hall to honor Miss Veronica Hagel, whose marriage to Mr. Don Smith will take place on Jan. 16.

Whist was enjoyed during the evening.

At lunch time Mrs. N. M. Schmaltz very nicely presented the bride with gift of a dinner set from the ladies.

Mrs. Adam Velker and Mrs. H. Neubeur were the hostesses for the occasion.

Entertain Number Of Guests

BEISEKER.—On Jan. 6 Mr. and Mrs. B. Schmaltz entertained a large number of guests in their home.

Cards were enjoyed, also piano solos by Mrs. Brosteaux and Adam Velker, and a duet by A. A. Wald and Adam Velker.

At the height of the party Tom Murray presented gifts to the hosts. One was a photo of a friend, another a book on first aid to farm animals, and also a Deluxe Paul Bunyan over and under shot gun. Lou Brosteaux, the gunman of the crowd, admits he's never seen one quite like it.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

High School Highlights

A Students' Union meeting was held on Friday, Jan. 6. Curling was discussed and Annadean Hagel was lectured secretary.

The Taylor, Pearson and Carson High School playoffs will be held in Beiseker this year.

We wish the best of luck to the Beiseker team which consists of Jimmy Hagel, Servulus Schmaltz, David Togstad, and Harvey Olsen. Grades 7 and 8 boys now have two curling teams.

Mrs. E. B. Hagel is teaching Miss McDonald's room during her illness.

BEISEKER NEWS

BEISEKER.—Anselm Sander has returned from Tral, B.C., where he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wendel Sander during the Christmas holidays. He reports that the Sanders and Martins of Tral are in the best of health.

Irene Schmaltz of Lethbridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schmaltz, is taking a course in Winnipeg preparatory to acting as air stewardess for T.C.A.

Reports are that Mr. Peter Schmaltz is feeling much better, but is still confined in doors. How about writing an article of some of your fishing trips, Pete?

A large crowd attended the "Furze" magician show last week, and some people are still wondering where he got his rabbits from.

Mrs. H. C. Gibson entertained at tea in her home Thursday, Jan. 5. About 20 ladies were invited. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Mr. Alex Metzger has taken over the duties of caretaker of the skating rink, while Carl W. Schmaltz is in charge of the curling rink.

With the 25 per cent reduction in passenger trains commencing this week, the first class mail will be delivered by the Cardinal Bus Lines on Wednesday and Thursday until further notice.

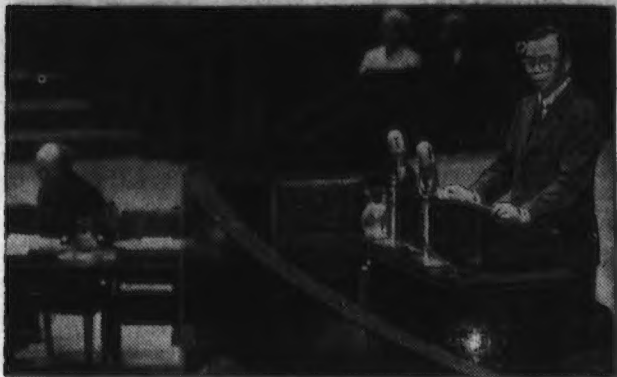
The Beiseker Convert Band are holding a band concert on Tuesday, Feb. 1 and will be followed by a Valentine dance.

On Thursday, Jan. 19 the CWL are sponsoring a card party at which both bridge and whist will be played, in the Beiseker hall basement. Everyone is invited to attend.

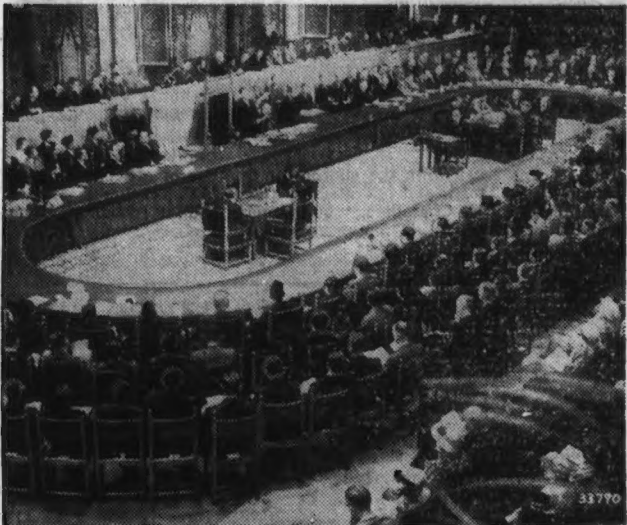
The engagement has been announced of Miss Esther Krenzel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Krenzel to Mr. Richard Koester. The marriage will take place at 10 a.m. Jan. 17 in St. Mary's Church, Beiseker.

Public opinion polls disclose the public belief that investors in business corporations get 25 cents from every dollar of sales. The fact is that the Canadian investor receives less than two cents from a dollar sale.

UNITED NATIONS-1949



CHINESE CONFLICT: First international airing of strife-torn China's political turmoil came in the U.N. General Assembly in October after T'ingfu Tsiang of China charged the U.S.S.R. with supporting Chinese Communist forces in their campaign.



INDONESIAN PEACE: The Netherlands and the Republic of Indonesia settled their long-standing conflict in November with U.N. aid. Shown here is the Round Table Conference at the Dutch capital of The Hague, where final agreement was signed.



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: World-wide interest during the year backed U.N. planning for technical assistance to countries trying to develop their economies. How technical aid could improve peoples lives is seen in this picture of a Chinese farmer learning from an expert a new way to get more from his harvest.



LAND OF ISRAEL: The recently-formed State of Israel was admitted as a full-fledged member of the United Nations in May. Israel's starred flag is shown flying in front of U.N. headquarters.



ITALIAN COLONIES: Independence for two of Italy's former colonies, Libya by 1952 and Somaliland in 1960, was decided upon by the U.N. General Assembly. Here spokesmen of one of the groups concerned wait at a U.N. meeting to explain their desires.



CURRENCY DEVALUATION: The British pound, and subsequently, other currencies were devalued in September, following discussions with the International Monetary Fund. Shown at a Fund meeting are (left to right) U.S. Treasury Secretary Snyder, and Britain's Sir Ernest Rowe-Dutton and Sir Stafford Cripps.



BERLIN CRISIS: The blockade of the former German capital ended in May after agreement of "Big Four" representatives to U.N. Negotiators were the United Kingdom's Cadogan (left); the U.S.S.R.'s Malik; the U.S.A.'s Jessup; and France's Chauvel.

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OLDTIMERS' TALES of PEA VINE

PART I

All the early settlers of the present Peavine district came in from Edmonton over the Belvedere-Mossdale-Peavine road, and what a mixed crowd they were. Almost every nationality, trade and calling under the sun was represented by the eager settlers who thronged this road. Carpenters, bricklayers, ex-soldiers and sailors, coopers and tailors. All were there, and it is hard to say what calling was not represented, though it is certain that people with a farm background were in a tremendous minority.

In that respect they resembled the drummer who was stranded in a country community over the week-end. On Sunday he went to church, but as it was a hot day he dropped off to sleep. The preacher, noticing that his whole congregation was drowsy, determined to arouse them, and suddenly said, "All those who want to go to Heaven, stand up." Everybody stood up except the drummer. "Sit down," said the preacher, and then he said, "All those who want to go to Hell, stand up." The drummer was having a nice sleep, but the noise of the congregation standing up and then sitting down had aroused him, and he awoke just as the preacher said, "stand up." Immediately he stood up, then noticing that no one else of the congregation was standing, he realized that he had made a mistake. Looking at the preacher, he said, "I don't know what you are taking a vote on, Mr. Preacher, but it seems that YOU and I are a mighty big majority."

Farmers were indeed a minority among the tremendous influx of settlers who swarmed into the north-west at this time. It is easier to understand the rush to a newly-discovered gold area than it is to understand the rush to farm the bush country.

Of particular interest to readers of the Onway Westerner and the Lac Ste. Anne Chronicle, other readers too, however, who recall earlier Alberta days will enjoy reading Eustace Reddish's story of the Peavine Trail in the Sangudo district.

One glance at the country was enough to show that no quick, easy success awaited the newcomer, but on they came in a seemingly endless, confident stream. As a rule the first-comers selected the hay meadows, and then the rest looked the countryside over and took their pick of the available homesteads — all of which were timbered. In many cases it was necessary to clear a site for the first shack, yet each man thought that he had the best homestead in the west. Now it seems hard to appraise the spirit of optimism and confidence that was universal among the settlers of that time. Possibly at heart each individual had an urge to have a piece of land of his very own. This urge was almost impossible of fulfillment in the old lands, and had been dormant for generations, but with the opportunity that occurred at the beginning of the twentieth century, for cheap travel and emigration and the acquisition of so-called free land in Canada, this urge swelled up, burst its bonds and resulted in a great influx of immigrants to this country who came — whatever their previous trades or backgrounds — with the determination to get some of that "free land." But whatever the reason behind this mass movement, a portion of it came in an apparently endless stream along this trail, and by 1908 there was a post office at Peavine, and the road by this time was well defined. WELL DEFINED are the right words to describe this road. As I remember it, it was usually one long mud hole after another, particularly that portion of it that meandered through the bush from Twin Lakes, to Round Lake, to Chip

Lake (now Romeo Lake) at Peavine. There were plenty of mud holes along the rest of the road west of Belvedere, but they were not so close together and often there were stretches of good dry land between the mud holes where one could rest awhile or camp for the night.

The best part of the road was east of Belvedere, where one crossed the Pembina on the ferry. That district had been settled a little earlier, some road work had been done, and by using two teams tandem the mail stage could make the trip from Riviere Qui Barre to Belvedere in a day. From Belvedere west the road was usually "muddy," and the mail courier often had a hard time getting through, and at best it took a day and a half to go from Belvedere to Peavine, but often it was impossible for the mail to get through on schedule.

James and Andy Henderson of Peavine had the mail contract between Belvedere and Peavine, and they certainly frequently performed near miracles to make connections with the outgoing mail at Belvedere. There was traffic volume of incoming mail in those days, and the mail courier's democrat was always loaded to capacity when leaving Belvedere as he carried the mail for the intermediate post offices of Lawton and Mossdale as well as the Peavine mail and mail for Roydale and Hathersage.

The Paddle River had to be crossed at Mossdale, where Langmaid's store and the Mossdale post office were located; and the Little Paddle about two and a half miles further west. The years when this district was being settled were extra wet, and these rivers, particularly the latter, were often in flood. The creek at Twin Lakes also had to be crossed and it, too, frequently overflowed its banks, washing away the bridge, so that at times it was necessary to take the mail over in a boat, swim the horse across and then drag the democrat across with a cable before the mail could proceed. It's difficult to keep schedules under such conditions.

During the first few years that we were at Peavine there was at least once every year when it rained for three days and three nights without stopping. Of course we couldn't say for certain that it had rained every minute that we were asleep, but when it was raining at bedtime, and it was also raining when we got up the next morning and there was no break in the clouds, then we assumed that it had rained all night. It was very wet in 1911 after the end of June. We lived in a tent that summer and at one time it rained steadily (to the best of our knowledge), for five days and five nights with only one intermission of about ten minutes duration. We had a minute portable stove which used methylated spirits for fuel and which was a godsend during this five-day rain as we were able to boil the kettle and make a cup of tea at meal times. The fuel gave out just about the time the rain quit, and then it was no easy matter lighting a fire outside as everything was saturated. This rain caused such bad floods that the mail was unable to get in or out for three weeks. Then the mail courier, James Henderson, made an attempt to get through, and my father went with him. After considerable trouble and delay they finally reached the Little Paddle,

west of Mossdale, only to find the bridge washed out and the whole country under water. So they left the team and democrat at Fluetts, got Fluetts to take them and the mail across the valley in his boat, and then they carried the outgoing mail the two-and-a-half miles to Mossdale. There they got a team and rig from the Mossdale postmaster and storekeeper, Mr. Langmaid, and headed for Belvedere. The only team they could get was a team of mares, each with a young colt, and every time one of the colts saw a strange horse, it (or both), would rush away to get acquainted, and Jim would have to wade through the mud and chase it (or them) back to mother.

On this trip, too, they saw a homesteader using sleighs — he apparently found it easier to slip over the July mud with a sleigh than to get around with a wagon. This trip was one of the worst the mail courier ever experienced, it being midnight of the second day before they arrived at the Belvedere post office.

Gradually the road got better (better, of course, is only a relative term) and then the mail got through with its customary regularity, but at no time was it ever a picnic for the mail courier.

That part of the Peavine Trail between Cohn's on Lake Romeo and Twin Lakes was usually the worst. That is not surprising when one considers that it was only a trail just wide enough for a wagon cut through the dense poplar, and as the wagon wheels bounced over the tree roots across the road they dug in on the other side, and it wasn't long before a mudhole developed. Nothing was ever done to improve the road except that travellers would replace broken poles on the decks of the various bridges. One never travelled without an axe and logging chain, and when a mud hole looked too bad, one simply cut a few trees down so that he could get around it, and as few roads were more travelled than this, such places became very numerous. Naturally many settlers were novices with oxen on the trail and so had troubles that the more experienced managed to avoid. A few of them gave up before reaching their destination, selling their outfits for a fraction of their value and then heading back to Edmonton seeking an easier life.

Not many did that, most of them kept going and finally made out alright. I heard one settler who was three weeks making five miles between Twin Lakes and Lake Romeo. He would get stuck in a mud hole, unload all his freight on his wagon, pull out of the mud hole, load up his freight again and move ahead — only to get stuck again a few yards further on and have to unload again. This happened time after time and the mail courier told me that he passed this man every mail trip for three weeks before he got out of the timber. Doubtless this man's team was overloaded and he was unwilling to leave part of his load by the roadside, being afraid it might be stolen while he went to his destination with a load his team could handle, and then return for that part of his load he had "cached."

It was not an uncommon thing for settlers, when they found they were overloaded on this bad stretch of road, to leave part of a load by the roadside and to pick it up later. It was perfectly safe to do in those days, and I never heard of anyone losing anything when he had to follow such a course.

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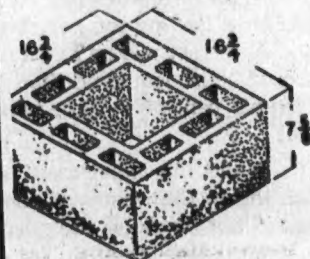
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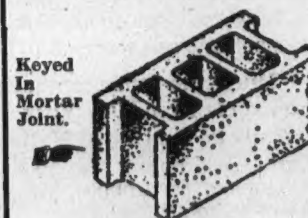
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A full-scale invasion of North America, across the Polar Region, is ruled out on the basis of the experience of the military forces of Canada and the United States, which have completed a three-year test on the icy, barren lands along Hudson Bay, within the Arctic Circle and centering on Fort Churchill.

Top secret reports, sent to Ottawa, Washington and London, according to Reuters News Service, reveal the satisfaction of the men involved that, if a military campaign has to be fought in the Arctic, the Western allies will have the men and equipment for the job. Nevertheless, the test seems to establish the impossibility of large-scale warfare in the Canadian Arctic. Any military action would be on a small scale, less than a division strength and probably confined to forces not larger than brigades.

The military planners of the Western countries know that a potential enemy might establish a foothold on some island in the Canadian Arctic which would keep large bodies of Canadian and American troops tied up. Consequently, they are working to evolve techniques that will take care of such enemy forces, quickly and decisively, with the minimum number of troops.

It should be understood that one of the great tasks facing the troops engaged in the experiment was to "adjust" themselves to the rigors of the weather. After some weeks' training, the men reached the point where only ninety per cent of their time was devoted to the business of moving and keeping alive and thus leaving ten per cent of their time available for fighting. An effort will be made to improve these percentages but it should be remembered that the Eskimo spends almost one hundred per cent of his time in providing food and shelter for himself.

While the experiment seems to indicate that large-scale fighting in the wastes of the Arctic is not to be expected, one should not overlook the possibility that an enemy might seize an area, establish an air base and use it against Canada and the United States. This is the reason why it is necessary for the two countries to prepare themselves for military operations in the Arctic. This, it seems, will be on a comparatively small scale, with a limited number of battle-trained men, armored vehicles, guns and aircraft.

JUNK STUFF AS NEWS

All newspapers have recently given copious space to reports about an alleged brawl between an "heiress" and her husband but just why anybody should think that thousands of people in Alberta are interested in the details of the affair escapes us.

If the press associations want to go in for reporting brawls, they can pick out bloodier and nastier ones. They might lack the alleged "glamor" of an "heiress" which seems to be the prime essential these days of a series of telegraphic news dispatches but they could more than make up for this lack of presenting more artistic refinements to the brawling art.

Much the same comment applies to a recent special feature article from New York telling the world what five hoboes think about the United Nations. Who cares? It might pass as a bright idea among the journalistic boys, to narrate the expressions of the hoboes, but the reader who has any brains recognizes the stuff as tripe.

After all, if the impressions and reactions of the hoboes are so important, why not let the hoboes write a regular newspaper column? It couldn't be any worse than some now being peddled around the country and printed.

THE WORLD'S HUNGER

The F.A.O. (the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) is becoming more and more concerned about the world's hunger. The F.A.O. points out that taking the world as a whole the average person before the war received food to provide 2,400 calories a day, but that today the average has fallen to 2,200 calories. Some countries devastated by the war have recovered, and are now able to provide their people with food that gives them around 3,000 calories a day. Other large areas in the world, however, have less than 2,000 calories. As the F.A.O. puts it "The well fed are better off than they were, the poorly fed, for the most part, are worse off. The gap between has widened." Day by day, too, the population of the world is increasing faster than the increase in food production. Some people think that never again in our time will even the white people of the world be fed as well as they were before the war or prior to 1939.

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"Statistical and reader interest agencies report almost 100 per cent readership," the journal points out.

"You would think that the influx of the large circulation city dailies in rural areas would have buried the weekly long ago. However, such has not been the case," the publication advises.

"Rural weeklies," it said, "are an American institution, and the small personal strictly rural newspapers are getting stronger."

The story concluded:

"What of it, if farmers and small town residents receive their metropolitan papers as soon as their city cousins. People in big towns and little towns still hanker for the news about their neighbors, their local organizations, the events that transpire about them."

"The big city newspapers can't furnish this news. But the rural papers can and do. That is why they are read 'from cover to cover'—ads and all—by everyone in the family."—Whitewood, Sask., Herald.

Wise and Otherwise

What Is Music?

Wagner's music is better than it sounds.—Bill Nye.

Most Appropriate

The eagles on the silver dollars are symbolic of swift flight.—Whit's Wit.

Probably

Navy Bill opines: "A snitch in time saves nine." (U.S.S. Quincy Yankee Clipper News).

Just So

This country now has so many filling stations it is easy to fuel all of the people all of the time.—Louisville Times.

Yes, Yes!

Opportunities might be more easily recognized if they didn't so often come disguised as hard work.—Grand Rapids Press.

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

Age is a quality of mind.

If you have left your dreams behind,

If hope is lost,

If you no longer look ahead,

If your ambitions' fires are dead—

Then you are old!

But if from life you take the best,

And if in life you keep the jest,

If love you hold,

No matter how the years go by,

No matter how the birthdays fly,

You are not old

A REPORTER LEARNS ABOUT WHEAT

By L. H. JENKINS

It goes against the grain to admit it, but I found out that I knew very little about wheat.

A. Froebel of the Sangudo-Mayerthorpe Seed Co-operative considerably enlightened me. If you are an ignoramus on the subject like myself, you may find what he told me interesting—as I did—otherwise pass on to the next story.

First of all, the provincial outlook for wheat this year is fair; export is poor. Europe is producing more seed, while U.S.A. is self-sufficient.

Probably news to northern area farmers, and just as probably bad news, is that Garnet is to be de-graded.

In the gray-wooded soil of the north, Garnet produces the best yield. (Actually yields vary for different types of wheat from area to area). If Garnet is de-graded, and thus reduced in price, it is probable that northern farmers will turn to other varieties. Thatcher is, in Mr. Froebel's opinion, the best all-around, because its quality is fine, yield good, protein content, stiffness of straw all good, and it doesn't shatter.

"What I'd like to know," said Mr. Froebel, is why varieties like Garnet and Red Bobs are introduced by the government, and farmers advised to grow them, then it is decided to de-grade them."

In his opinion, the agriculturalist of northern areas should not be wheat-producers primarily but mixed farmers basically. Present prices attracted them to more than economically-sound, from a long-term view, wheat concentration.

Actually, barely and oats at present would be attractive. This year there is a scarcity and prices good. Next year it will be even scarcer.

Why, then, does the farmer simply not plan barley and oats crops for next year? Because he would have to buy seed but he has wheat which will germinate.

Wheat may be sold to elevators, either pool-operated or privately owned. The Wheat Board sets an advance, based on prevailing prices at Fort William and Vancouver, less freight. The Board then sells wheat and the farmer gets a certificate for further payments, based on actual price obtained. This year, of course, for the first time barley and oats also come under the Board. Present wheat advance is \$1.50.

At this point I asked a question

which (in my ignorance) has always puzzled me: How does the privately-owned elevator compete with the pool? The answer is that the only money they make is on handling charges. Competition, of course, would keep handling charges pretty well level between pool and privately-owned.

Under the Alberta Improvement Plan, the elevator co-ops, seed growers co-ops and the provincial government set the price of seed. Orders are accepted by the head office, and are sent out to elevators with the list of seed growers. Only cost is handling by the Alberta Seed Growers' Co-operative.

Marquis and Thatcher brings highest prices. Marquis, on nearly all grounds, is probably the best for areas for which it is suited, and most widely grown variety for southern Alberta, where it is suitable.

Yet yield studies at the university put it second lowest to Garnet. On a nine-year average, comparative yields were: Thatcher, 49.7; Red Bobs, 47.1; Marquis, 46.9; and Garnet, 45.2.

One of the attractions of Garnet for the north, where early-harvesting is important, is that it ripens faster. Marquis, 109 days; Thatcher, 107 days; Red Bobs, 105; and Garnet, 103.

Wheat has many grades, within a variety, as well as of varieties themselves. For better wheat, grades run from one to six, but below that there are many grades ending in feed wheat.

Another attraction for Garnet to the north is that on the average it produces the best grades. But the situation varies from year to year.

Saunders is a new type of wheat which has great promise because it is more disease-resistant and because of its advantage for seed. Yet this is the first year that any sizeable acreage has been sown, and, therefore, its potentials for Alberta are still not definitely determined.

Although Marquis is preferred in the south and Garnet in the north, Thatcher has by far the biggest acreage for all Canada, being almost one-third of the total.

Eventually, Mr. Froebel thought, all wheat would be graded by protein content.

The only way to do that would be to make a difference in price between low and high protein content. It was only recently that importance of protein content became generally emphasized.

A Jolt From Grainger

From Northern Echo, High Prairie

Something of a shock was provided recently for Albertans by Percy Grainger, famed Australian

pianist and composer, when he professed ignorance that Edmonton is now the centre of an "oil province."

To the reporters who interviewed Mr. Grainger his apparent lack of knowledge of the Number One Fact of today—Alberta's oil—was scarcely human. Those who are aware of his characteristics, however, might credit him with a deliberate rebuff to the modern trend of thought, and the emphasis it gives to things material rather than to culture—and in Mr. Grainger's case, to music in particular.

Percy Grainger is well qualified to question, in his own "dry" way, whether "liquid gold" or any other material resource of Alberta, or Canada in general, is really more important than the things of mind and spirit. For many of his three score years and ten have been devoted to the preservation of folk music as national wealth.

Greatly influenced by Greig, and the Norwegian composer's love of national music, Percy Grainger early developed from an "orthodox" concert pianist to an exponent of folk songs. For some time he specialized in the beautiful old tunes of the English countryside, and through the medium of Mr. Grainger's artistry at the piano many of them, on records, are now constantly delighting listeners all over the world. Later he gave attention to the music of other lands and accumulated a collection of national folk tunes that is at present in course of being catalogued in his "home city" of Melbourne.

Through the centuries it has always been the productive work of artists, writers and musicians, like Percy Grainger, that has provided the stuff from which nations have become great and honored throughout the world. It is not too much to hope that Canada will also advance to greatness, not because it has oil, or gold and silver, first of all, but for the reason that Canadians can paint, write or compose music, and through those mediums enrich the character of the nation.

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News note: Hundreds die in holiday week-end accidents. Returning with the spoils of two holiday week-ends, mythical Santa Claus brings back trophies. For some, the same happiness of Holiday Joy. For others, accident and death.

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—Central Press Canadian

L.A.C. A. N. Hardy of Vancouver, B.C., member of the R.C.A.F. Central band, Ottawa, models the newly designed air force bandman's uniform now being issued to the three regular R.C.A.F. bands at Ottawa, Trenton and Edmonton. More than 100 bandmen will be issued with the new-type uniform, which is of blue barathes with gold piping. Rank badges, epaulettes and sleeve piping are gold, and the belt is gold with an azure blue centre. The trousers have a stripe of gold braid, also with an azure blue centre, and the cap is specially designed for the three bands.

Work on Edmonton-Hardisty Pipeline Now Underway

EDMONTON—The Imperial Oil pipeline via New Sarepta, Hay Lakes, Daysland, Strome, Killam and Loughheed to Hardisty is already under contract to Mannix Construction Company. They are starting at once to clear a right-of-way along the 125 miles stretch.

Work on Imperial Oil Company pipeline between Edmonton and Regina is underway.

Mannix Construction who will contract 125 miles of the line between Edmonton and Hardisty will commence clearing a right of way this week.

Tommy McLeod of the construction firm, arrived in Edmonton this week and before the week-end said he expected to be started clearing the right-of-way.

McLeod said he would unload equipment by Friday and would likely have a bulldozer operating the same day.

Art Willis, Mannix Construction caterpillar operator, said he expected to go to work some time Friday. He will commence clearing at West Salisbury.

A South Edmonton resident, Tommy is well known in the city and is an older brother of Danny McLeod. He, like his father and uncle, have engaged in the construction business for years.

Like Danny, he was a starry hockey player in his younger days and also coached several midget juvenile hockey clubs in the early thirties. He also acted as referee in many a hockey battle in the city's open air rinks.

He was with the Department of Public Works for the Province of

Alberta prior to joining Mannix Construction. He has been working on several projects within the province for the construction firm, during the past several years and his trips to the city have been few and far between and mostly on business.

Tommy said he was surprised at the expansion of the city during the period between his previous visit and his present one.

"The South Side is really booming, isn't it," he said, boastfully.

Coast-to-coast radio programs are not "broadcast" in the way most people imagine. An air show from one city is "piped" by railway telegraph lines to individual radio stations across the country and "aired" locally from each of them.

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New Sunday Evening Show on Trans-Canada

"We have good talent in this country and the CBC is going to emphasize it," said E. L. Bushnell, Director General of Programs for the CBC, as he announced the starting date of a new hour-long Sunday-evening program, Startime, on the Corporation's Trans-Canada network.

The program will start on Jan. 8 and will become the regular feature of a new Sunday-night program schedule on Trans-Canada, designed to provide Canadians with fine week-end listening.

In explaining the idea behind Startime, Mr. Bushnell said that Canada possessed some of the finest entertainers in the world and that the CBC wanted to emphasize this through a major program presentation which would feature them. Startime will include stars of the CBC's three networks, occasional guest appearances by Canadians who are now star entertainers in the United States, as well as top performers in fields other than radio.

"One of the CBC's main responsibilities is the development and presentation of Canadian talent," said Mr. Bushnell. "We are proud of the people who have made national reputations on our networks through the years and Startime will be, in effect, a salute to their accomplishments. We hope the program will mean even greater recognition of their talents by their fellow Canadians."

A thirty-four piece orchestra under the baton of Paul Scherman, one of Canada's outstanding musicians, will "back" the parade of talent on the Startime stage. There'll be boogie and musical comedy; soloists and choruses;

there'll be music with a punch in it and music to dream by; there'll be star performers like Oscar Peterson, one of the best boogie pianists in the business; tenors like Jimmy Shields and Fred Hill; quartets like the Four Gentlemen and the Commodores; singers like Gisele, Simone and Doreen Hulme; baritones like Bernard Johnson and actors like John Drainie.

Artists from all parts of Canada will spark CBC's new Startime, under the direction of Producer John Kannawin who now takes on supervision of one of CBC's biggest network productions. Byng Whitteker will be emcee.

The opening program will feature one of the greatest choral groups to be developed in Canada—the Don Wright Chorus. Other "names" on the opening broadcast are Simone, Bernard Johnson and Doreen Hulme.

Dog Teams In

McMURRAY.—Many dog teams are seen in the streets of McMurray and Waterways these days. Trappers have brought in their furs and are staying for Christmas. They make a very interesting and fascinating picture. Some lovely animals are among the teams.

Greater Ford Car Output Scheduled

DETROIT.—Henry Ford II told newsmen the Ford Motor Company is scheduling greater output of automobiles during the coming six months than it has attained at any time since the war.

By March, Mr. Ford said, production capacity of 4,400 passenger cars a day should be reached. He said progress in 1949 had meant financial improvement and betterment of labor relations.

Financially, he said, "1949 was the best year we've had since 1929—and maybe even before that."

Of the recent boost in steel prices, Mr. Ford said:

"It may be justified; I don't know yet. I still don't understand why a \$4-a-ton increase should compel much of an increase in the retail price of a car."

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CHRISTMAS DINNER

Cape Oyster Cocktail
Cream of Chicken Soup Croutons
Celery Radishes Olives
Roast New England Goose
Apple-Raisin Stuffing
Creamy Mashed Potatoes
Blue Hubbard Squash
Silver Skin Onions
Parker House Rolls
Christmas Ice Cream
Salted Nuts Cluster Raisins
Assorted Fruits Sweet Cider
Demi-Tasse

"A very fine selection, madame, but I cannot resist the traditional turkey with my favorite chestnut stuffing. And for dessert I have already decided on the hot mince pie. The oyster cocktail will be appetizing," the chef continued. "These Cape oysters are large and succulent and very good on a bed of ice with a slice of lemon and cocktail sauce."

Apple-Raisin Stuffing for Goose
Melt 1/4 cup bacon fat. Add two quarts well-washed, diced, tart apples; 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/4 tsp. nutmeg and the grated rind of one lemon. Cook slowly until the apples begin to get tender but not soft. Then add 2 1/4 cups small cubed dry bread, and 1 1/4 cups small moist raisins. Mix thoroughly.

"These Parker House rolls have originality, madame. They are entirely different from the small breads of France."

"They originated here, and have been served for generations. Now they are on hotel menus all over the world."

"But here's a French touch," observed the chef, "the sweet cider.

In Normandy we also serve that on festive occasions. And that Christmas ice cream on your plate looks very nice."

"It's delicious; it's different; and not too rich. I'd like to suggest it to our homemakers."

Christmas Ice Cream

For this use a quart of rich vanilla ice cream and a pint of raspberry ice. Line a deep ice cube tray with an inch-deep layer of the ice cream. Follow with a lining of raspberry ice about 1/4 of an inch thick. Fill the centre with sweetened whipped cream (about 1 1/2 cups), mixed with fine-chopped nuts and marshmallow cherries. Cover with waxed paper; freeze for two hours at lowest temperature, and serve sliced."

"Madame," remarked the chef, after the final sip of the demi-tasse, "this excellent coffee puts a final seal on a gustatorial experience that will not be forgotten."

Parker House Plum Pudding

The fruits for this pudding should be prepared in advance. They include 1/2 lb. seedless raisins, 2 oz. chopped citron, 4 oz. moist currants, and 1/4 lb. dried figs, cut in small dice. To them add 1/4 cup brandy, white wine or white grape juice, and let stand overnight.

To make the pudding, beat 4 egg yolks until creamy. Add 1 cup sugar and stir until light and fluffy. Mix together 2 cups enriched flour, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg, 1/4 tsp. cinnamon, 1/4 tsp. clove, 1/4 tsp. mace and 1/2 tsp. salt. Then sift. To this add 1/2 lb. chopped suet and mix well. Stir this into the first mixture alternately with 1/4 cup heated milk. When well blended fold in 4 egg whites beaten stiff. Then add the prepared fruits which have been soaked overnight. Place in 2 oiled pint-sized moulds, or 1 quart-sized mould. Cover closely with waxed paper or aluminum foil, and fasten in place with adhesive tape. Steam steadily 1 1/2 hours. Serve with hot brandy sauce, or a rich lemon sauce.

Trick of the Chef

Before broiling scrod or fish fillets, brush with melted butter and lemon juice; season with salt and plenty of paprika.

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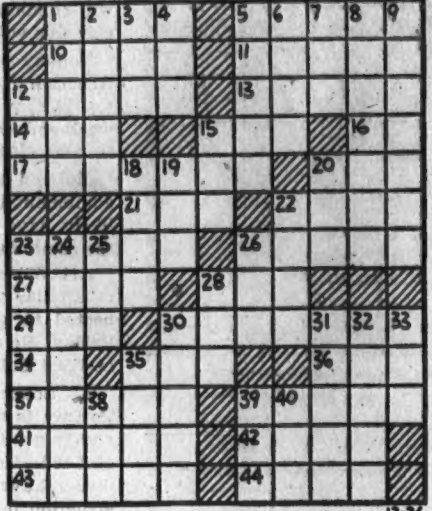
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ACROSS	DOWN
1. Independent passage (Mus.)	1. Greek Island
5. Quick measure	2. Leaves out (Eng.)
11. Ascended	3. River
12. Cooks, as in fat	4. Land-measures
13. Labors	5. Values
14. Newt	6. In a row
15. Not many	7. Hawaiian food
16. Like	8. Mohammedan
17. Dusting cloths	9. A sweet at end of a meal
20. Uncle (Dial.)	12. Nourished
21. Topaz humming-bird	15. Friar's title
22. A dam	
23. Metal mounting of a scabbard	
26. Tinged (poet.)	
27. Immense	
28. Kettle	
29. Undivided	
30. Taste organs	
34. King of Bashan (Bib.)	
35. Turf	
36. Cyclades Island	
37. Wooden shoe	
39. Young women	
41. Appearing as if eaten	
42. Poker stake	
43. Ecclesiastical council	
44. Wharf	

18. Narrow, woven strip
19. Evening (poet.)
20. Even (poet.)
22. Ala
23. Selects
24. Republic (C. Eur.)
25. Grow old
26. Convert into leather
28. Seed vessel
30. Carried
31. Join
32. Kind of duck
33. Distress signal
35. Passable (hyphen.)
38. Japanese holiday
39. Chart
40. Keel-billed cuckoo



OLDTIMERS' TALES OF PEAVINE

(Continued from Page 3)

load of potatoes from Moore at Twin Lakes, but the road was so bad that we made no effort to get them until October 24th, when we set out on the eight-mile trip to Twin Lakes with a big team of oxen and wagon. The first three miles to Cohn's was not too bad, but once we entered the poplar brush we found the road so muddy that we decided that we'd never be able to get back with a load, so we turned back and went home. After severe night frosts during the next week we decided to make another attempt on October 31st, and this time we got through, loaded up, and started back about 2:00 p.m. I do believe that the

oxen would have got us home that night, but just as we were about to enter the Peavine Trail two four-horse teams, driven by Nelson and Hanson went by and they delayed us. In the morning we had felled poplar trees to enable us to go around bad mud holes. The horse teamsters naturally were unaware of this, and so were unable to take advantage of our "cutoffs" as their lead team was always beyond our turnout place before they noticed it, and so they tried to go through the mud holes on the trail and frequently got stuck. This, of course, lost a lot of time and the result was that when darkness came one of their wagons was stuck in a mud hole. We were just behind them and we hadn't even got as far as Round Lake, which was half way between Twin Lakes and Cohn's, at Lake Romeo.

Nelson and Hanson had a tent, horse feed, etc., with them and were prepared to camp out, but we were not as we only were eight miles from home. It was a cold night and so we kept two good fires going to keep us warm and to keep the potatoes from freezing. All we had to eat was roast potatoes for both supper and breakfast, and the poor oxen had to be satisfied with potatoes also. As soon as it was light we all got going again and were soon at Round Lake where we stayed a while to let the oxen drink and fill up on the grass by the lake. Mrs. Nelson gave us a cup of coffee and never did coffee taste better. We hitched up and started before the horse teams, had an uneventful five-and-a-half mile trip home where a good feed awaited both us and the oxen, and from where we saw the horse teams pass two hours later.

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I Resolve That . . .

This is the time of the year for New Year resolutions. What better resolutions can you make than to plan your housework so you have more time to yourself? Probably you spend at least one-third to one-half your day preparing, serving and clearing away meals, so why not start off by refusing to spend hours in the kitchen cutting, chopping, stirring and cooking foods which will have little nutritive value by the time they are served? Plan to serve simple meals which not only taste good, but contain a sufficient amount of all foods for good health.

Here are some ways to cut corners in meal preparation but not the corners of a square meal:

1. Take a look at your kitchen. Do you have your cooking utensils and baking supplies stored where you use them, or do you walk miles every time you bake a cake because nothing is handy? If so, take time to re-arrange your supplies.

2. Plan your work ahead of time so that you make best use of your time. For example, the night before you churn, bring in the cream so that it will be the right temperature, rather than waste time churning cream that is too cold.

3. If you use a food chopper a great deal, put sandpaper, gritty side up, under the chopper to prevent it slipping off the table.

4. Keep brown sugar soft by storing it in a covered container with half a carrot or apple, or store it in a mason jar, keeping a water-soaked piece of cardboard in the jar cap.

5. Measure to see how much the top of your vanilla bottle holds. Then use it as a measure instead of dirtying another measuring spoon.

6. Keep standard measures in all your staple foods. Put a measuring cup in your flour and sugar containers, a tablespoon in your coffee, teaspoons in your tea canister and baking powder can.

7. Use an egg beater to remove lumps from gravy and cream sauce, or to make curdled custard smooth again.

8. Put a paper serviette or soft newspaper in the strainer when emptying the teapot. Pick up the paper and discard. There will be no leaves to stick to the strainer.

9. Keep a small jar with tightly fitting lid on hand in which to blend flour and liquid for thickening gravies and sauces.

10. Use easy methods to eliminate work. Try new, quick mix me-

thods for cakes. Use one cup to measure several ingredients. Serve oven meals to save continual watching and stirring while baking.

11. If you haven't a bake board, use a piece of canvas on which to roll out biscuit and pastry dough. Dough doesn't stick to canvas easily. After you have finished rolling out your dough, simply fold up the canvas and put it away until next time. This saves you washing off the kitchen table every time you make pies or biscuits.

12. Instead of rolling out cookies, drop the dough from a spoon on the greased baking sheet. Then flatten the balls of dough with a damp cloth stretched tightly over the flat bottom of a water glass.

13. Prepare foods, that can be stored without losing food value, in large quantities. These include salad dressings and baking mixes. Mix dry ingredients and fat for a large quantity of pastry or baking powder biscuits. Keep covered in a cold place. When needed, add the liquid required for the amount being used. Besides saving you time, using pie mix may help you make better pastry, for if you have added too much liquid, you add more pie crust mix instead of more flour. In this way you keep the proportion of flour and shortening right. In preparing baking mixes, the dry ingredients should be thoroughly mixed when they are measured. Several siftings are necessary.

If you would like recipes for prepared baking mixes write to Miss Ruth Whaley, Dept. of Agriculture, 9817 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alta., for your copy of "Kitchen Quick Tricks."

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and large quantities of good barley have a market in the United States. To the farmer who has to buy seed this means that every delay in purchase will make the problem of obtaining seed of suitable quality more difficult.

Those who have grain that can be cleaned to seed grade should make use of it, but make sure that the germination is satisfactory. If you have to buy, ask your District Agriculturist, Municipal Supervisor, or Municipal Secretary about seed available locally. If there is no seed in the district, see your elevator agent. Grain companies have always helped in supplying seed and they will bring in carloads of seed if farmers place their orders early. Delay is dangerous. Make sure of seed supplies now

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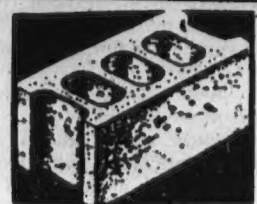
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**Edmonton M.P.'s
Report To Association**

EDMONTON — The Edmonton Liberal Association heard from the two Ottawa members at a recent meeting, their news and views from the capital. Members also aired views of their own and passed 11 resolutions to point their ideas on record.

Delegates' expenses to the annual convention in Calgary, February 1st and 2nd, and fixing of the convention city as either Edmonton or Calgary made up two of the resolutions.

In the provincial and federal field, pensions for unsupported widows without means were recommended to be given at 60 years of age. The incurables and maimed not supported by the Workmen's Compensation Act, pension for the blind, or the old age pension, were recommended pensioned or given relief similar to that provided for the blind.

A recommendation to increase the old age pension to that given to the pensioners of British Columbia was passed but came under lengthy debate from the floor. An amendment from the floor which would have abolished the means test was defeated. A resolution was passed which recommended that all Canadian citizens be given the right to use the census records as proof of age when birth certificates are unavailable.

Recommendation that the Alberta government relax certain restrictions in regard to the federal plan of hospitalization was made. The present system of hearing family non-support cases in magistrates' courts was recommended changed to a system where cases would be heard in private.

The meeting was opened to motions coming from the floor. A recommendation was made which would change the present divorce laws, passed but met opposition from women present. The second motion from the floor to be passed, was to endorse the principle of Dr. H. H. Hannam's plan on disposition of world food surpluses.

A. Fred Macdonald, federal member for Edmonton East, expressed his pleasure on being able to meet old acquaintances and went on to point out the duties of a federal member. He said that he thought that it was right that elected members came before constituents and explained the stands they had taken in Ottawa.

"Life at Ottawa was intense but worth while," said Mr. Macdonald. Mr. Macdonald explained that in a short time he would give a full report to the association but he was not allowed time to go into details during this meeting.

George Prudham, M.P. for Edmonton West, was called on to give his impressions of life at Ottawa. He gave his picture of some of the colorful members of the house. He remarked on the progress of the city and the enthusiasm he had noted for Edmonton's progress.

"Most of us fail to realize the

good thing we have in the city of Edmonton," said Mr. Prudham.

J. Harper Prowse, provincial leader of the Liberal party, told the meeting of the impending decisions which delegates to the provincial convention will have to make.

Election of delegates to the provincial convention was postponed to January 17th when the association will meet again.

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MUGGS AND SKEETER**BY WALLY BISHOP**

CANADIAN AGRICULTURE IN 1950 REVIEW AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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considerable difficulty in disposing of the entire 1949 crop which is about as large as that of 1948.

HONEY—It is expected that there will be a continuation of the downward trend in colonies in 1950, with honey prices remaining close to 1949 levels.

MAPLE PRODUCTS—Domestic demand is expected to remain stable in 1950 and, with the devaluation of the Canadian dollar, exports in the United States should increase in value and quantity.

OILSEED CROPS—With regard to flaxseed, soybeans and sunflower seed, the outlook is relatively good. Some increase is likely in the acreages of flaxseed and sunflower seed while the soybean acreage will likely remain close to the 1949 level. Oil from these crops, of course, will have to meet the competition of imported oils. The outlook for rapeseed production in Canada is not promising as there seems to be little demand for rapeseed oil on the North American continent.

DRIED BEANS AND PEAS—Due to export difficulties, the outlook is not favorable for production over and above domestic requirements.

TOBACCO—Because of the exceptionally high yield and quality of the 1949 tobacco crop, returns to the growers were at a higher level than in 1948 even though grade prices were lower. Returns to the growers from the 1950 crops will very likely be lower because of the improbability of again obtaining such high yields and quality.

SEEDS—Of the clover and grass seeds, timothy seed is the only kind which will be scarce in relation to domestic requirements in 1950. A fairly strong demand from the United States is expected for alfalfa, sweet clover, brome grass and some other kinds because of the initiation of crop conversion and soil conservation programs. With regards to vegetable and root seeds, the discount of Canadian currency may encourage a greater use of Canadian grown seed in preference to importation from the United States. Production of wheat, oats, barley, flax, field peas, field beans and field corn, eligible for registered or certified grades, was substantial in 1949 although in the case of most of these kinds, below that of 1948.

Earliest polo match on record was played by the Persians.

Patry's Pats & Pans

By "CECE" PATRY

At this writing—the halfway mark of the twentieth century—we should pay tribute to an athlete who stands supreme in the world of athletic endeavor.

He is Jim Thorpe who rose from an obscure Indian College to master each and every sport in which he participated.

It was as a member of the Carlisle Indians that Thorpe set a nation agog with his prowess. His great kicking, plunging and running accounted for 25 touchdowns and a total of 198 points in one season, which record still stands in college football as one of the best of all time. As player and coach in the professional leagues he went on to even greater fame.

He played professional baseball for nearly a decade with the New York Giants, Boston Braves and Cincinnati Reds. During this time Thorpe batted .300 and over for several seasons against pitching of the calibre of Grover Cleveland Alexander and Christy Matheson. One could dwell for hours on his achievements, but undoubtedly Jim Thorpe reached the pinnacle of his fame while a member of the United States Olympic team in the 1912 Olympics held at Stockholm, Sweden.

He set a record which can never be equalled under existing rules by competing in both Pentathlon and Decathlon divisions, emerging victorious in both, which prompted the King of Sweden to say, "You, Sir, are the greatest athlete in the world."

Despite all his athletic accomplishments, Jim Thorpe was still a man and like many others with fame and fortune in their grasp, succumbed to the life of a "Good Time Charlie" and now in the twilight of his life he has only his memories of yesterday.

Jim Thorpe's athletic ability which to this day has never been matched should be an inspiration to us all and his shortcomings forgotten as they were when he was a national hero.

Long live this great athletic immortal whose records will stand forever in the annals of sport.

Dr. John E. (Jack) Lovelock, who was killed by a subway train in Brooklyn, was the New Zealand-born Olympic runner who once set a world record in the mile run. The Oxford-educated physician ran his world record mile at Princeton, N.J., in July, 1933, beating Bill Bonthron in 4:07.6.

In the Olympic games at Berlin

in 1936, he set a world record of 3:47.8 in the 1,500-meters run, beating the American mile champion Glenn Cunningham by six yards in what many experts called the finest race of the games.

Lovelock's Olympic victory came in one of the all-time track classics. The first five runners all broke the previous mark yet Lovelock won with ease.

Lovelock won second place in the 1938 Associated Press Poll for the outstanding man of the year in sports. In 1932 he set a world record of 3:02.2 for three-quarters of a mile.

In his record-shattering mile at Princeton the following year he did the last quarter mile in less than a minute yet appeared fresh at the end and jogged an extra lap for good measure.

Sport Shorts

By T. G.

Jack Kramer and Richard Pancho Gonzales, presently engaged in an exhibition tour of principal cities, drew the tennis raves during the year.

Gonzales, prior to turning professional, was the world's top amateur net ace, but his successive string of defeats at the hands of Kramer left no doubt in the minds of the tennis fans that king of the tennis courts is Jack Kramer.

John Joe Barry, Irish mile and two mile champion, and Finland's Viljo Heino, world's record holding distance runner will compete in the 1950 eastern indoor track meet according to an announcement out of New York this week.

Edmonton's Eddie Shore, who has promoted hockey in a number of American cities since he retired from active play in the National Hockey League, recently withdrew his Oakland hockey entry from the southern section of the Pacific Coast Hockey League. He announced that the club would be operated again, when and if refrigeration was installed in the Oakland Auditorium or a new building is built in Oakland which would accommodate hockey.

Baseball's grand old man—Connie Mack, has been re-elected vice-president of the American League. The Philadelphia Athletics' octogenarian was re-elected by league directors who also re-named Bill DeWitt, president of the St. Louis Browns, as representative to the major league executive council. Connie Mack hopes to win the pennant this year and retire from baseball. It would be grand if he achieves his chief ambition.

Bobby Carse, Jack McGill and Johnny Chad, continue to figure prominently in the American Hockey League scoring race. All former Edmonton juniors, the trio are enjoying one of their best seasons in the minor hockey league circuit.

United States Lawn Tennis Association announces that the three top racquet swingers, in their eyes, are Gilbert A. Bogley of Chevy Chase, Maryland, Jack Frost of Monterey, Calif., and Maureen Connolly of San Diego, Calif.

Nipawin's Car bonspiel—the fourth they staged in as many years gets underway today. An entry list of 110 is expected to compete for the cars, including some of Canada's best curlers. E.

New British Cars at Earls Court International Show in London



This picture shows the new Humber Super Snipe saloon exhibited at the recent Earls Court Show in London. The car is in the fast-luxury class with a top-gear performance from 5 mph to 80 mph and the restyled body and wings bring its appearance into line with the most modern trend. The chassis is 3½ inches longer than before and the track 2 inches wider at the front and 5 inches wider at the rear, giving more capacious body space. Three passengers can now be seated in comfort both at the front and rear. The power unit is a 6-cylinder engine developing 106 hp at 3,400 rpm. Separate side lights have been fitted beneath the head-lamps in accordance with overseas requirements and in the model shown there is a power-operated glass division behind the front seat.

B. Olson of Edmonton is an entrant.

Finish Poultry On The Farm

Tommy Henrich has been named "top athlete of the year." Together with 11 other sport stars he will be feted at a dinner to be held in New York Jan. 10. The others include Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn, baseball; Leon Hart, Notre Dame, college football; Otto Graham, Cleveland, professional football; Alex Groza, Kentucky, college basketball; Ray Robinson, world welterweight champion, boxing; George Mikan, Minneapolis, professional basketball; Sammy Snead, golf; Sid Abel, Detroit, professional hockey; Pancho Gonzales, tennis; Mel Patton, track; Setve Brooks, jockey; Joe Verdeur, La Salle College, swimming.

Royal Canadian Golf Association has announced that its annual open championship tournament has won three-way recognition from the Professional Golfers' Association. They further state that they have been informed by the PGA that the Canadian Open would be listed among tournaments for which points would be given in selecting United States Ryder Cup team. They also announce that the money won by American pros in the \$10,000 Canadian open would be included in compiling top money makers of the year and would be included in determining the winner of the Verdun Cup.

ROCKYFORD NEWS

ROCKYFORD. — Nick Welsgerber has arrived back in town after spending a few weeks at the tractor school.

Mr. John Lees was a week-end visitor to Rockyford.

Rockyford winter sports seem to be in full swing with curling and skating the main items.

During the recent cold weather thermometers in this district registered as low as 47 degrees below zero.

Come on Rockyford! Boost your paper! Send your news items, ads, etc., to Dorothy Rieger.

The place to fatten and finish poultry is on the farm, says F. J. Higginson, Acting Poultry Commissioner, Alberta Department of Agriculture. Too many producers ship their birds direct to market in an unfinished condition. The resulting low grade birds are not attractive to the general public and certainly do not encourage greater consumption of poultry meat.

Many producers still seem to think that processing plants are fattening plants. This is definitely not the case. Most processing plants are unable to hold the birds for longer than three or four days, and anyone acquainted with poultry knows that birds cannot be fleshed and fattened in this short space of time.

Under present marketing methods most of our poultry is purchased on a rail grade basis, which means that they are paid for on the basis of quality received. There are few farmers who cannot provide for the finishing of a pen of poultry. With the use of home grown grains this practice can be very profitable.

New Appointments In CBC Engineering

A Canadian who built his first radio transmitter in 1912 has been named the CBC's first Director-General of Engineering Services. He is Gordon W. Olive of Montreal, whose appointment to the new post was announced by the CBC's general manager, Dr. Augustin Frigon. Mr. Olive is succeeded as chief engineer by Alphonse Ouimet, also of Montreal, a recognized technical authority on television.

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